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# Lady Death

A MEDIEVAL TALE

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## THUS FAR IN LADY DEATH

Amidst a harrowing battle between warrior knights and the otherworldly Eldritch, a child is conceived. Blood of both clans, she belongs to neither. Years later the child, Hope, is reborn as Lady Death.

Hope seeks vengeance against the villagers who killed her mother, but the confrontation goes badly. Wolfram von Bach, a warrior knight, comes to her rescue. He aids her in the proper burial of her mother and witnesses Hope manifesting Marion's image on a gravestone. Wolf trains her in the warrior arts and forges a sword for her from Eldritch and Human weapons.

The Greedum accost Hope. She defeats them and they dub her "Lady Death." During the skirmish, a journeyman discovers and brings news of her presence to a battalion of knights who vow to pursue the Eldritch witch.





...AND THEN A HUMAN KNIGHT BESTOWED UPON HER A MIGHTY SWORD. WHEN SHE TOUCHED THAT SWORD THERE WAS A MAGICAL GLOW UNLIKE ANYTHING I'VE SEEN. IT WAS AS IF THE TWO BECAME ONE.

FROM THERE, WE HAD LITTLE CHANCE, EH, BROTHERS?

NO CHANCE.

UNHOLY.

LITTLE CHANCE.

HOPELESS.

SHE WAS BERSERKER. FIERCE.

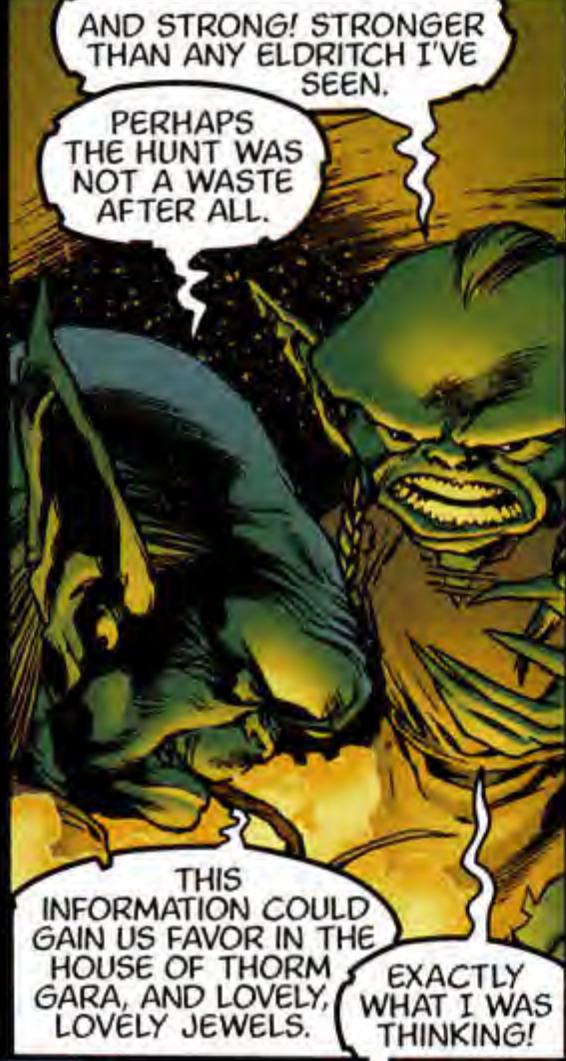


THE WOMAN. SHE WAS NEITHER HUMAN NOR ELDritch, YET SHE POSSESSED QUALITIES OF BOTH, MASTER GING.

TELL ME MORE, CHAR.

THE SWORD. SHE HELD A SWORD OF IRON.

SHE HELD IRON? MOST INTERESTING.



AND STRONG! STRONGER THAN ANY ELDritch I'VE SEEN.

PERHAPS THE HUNT WAS NOT A WASTE AFTER ALL.

THIS INFORMATION COULD GAIN US FAVOR IN THE HOUSE OF THORM GARA, AND LOVELY, LOVELY JEWELS.

EXACTLY WHAT I WAS THINKING!



YOU MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. BRING LATTAR.

LATTAR? OH MUD!

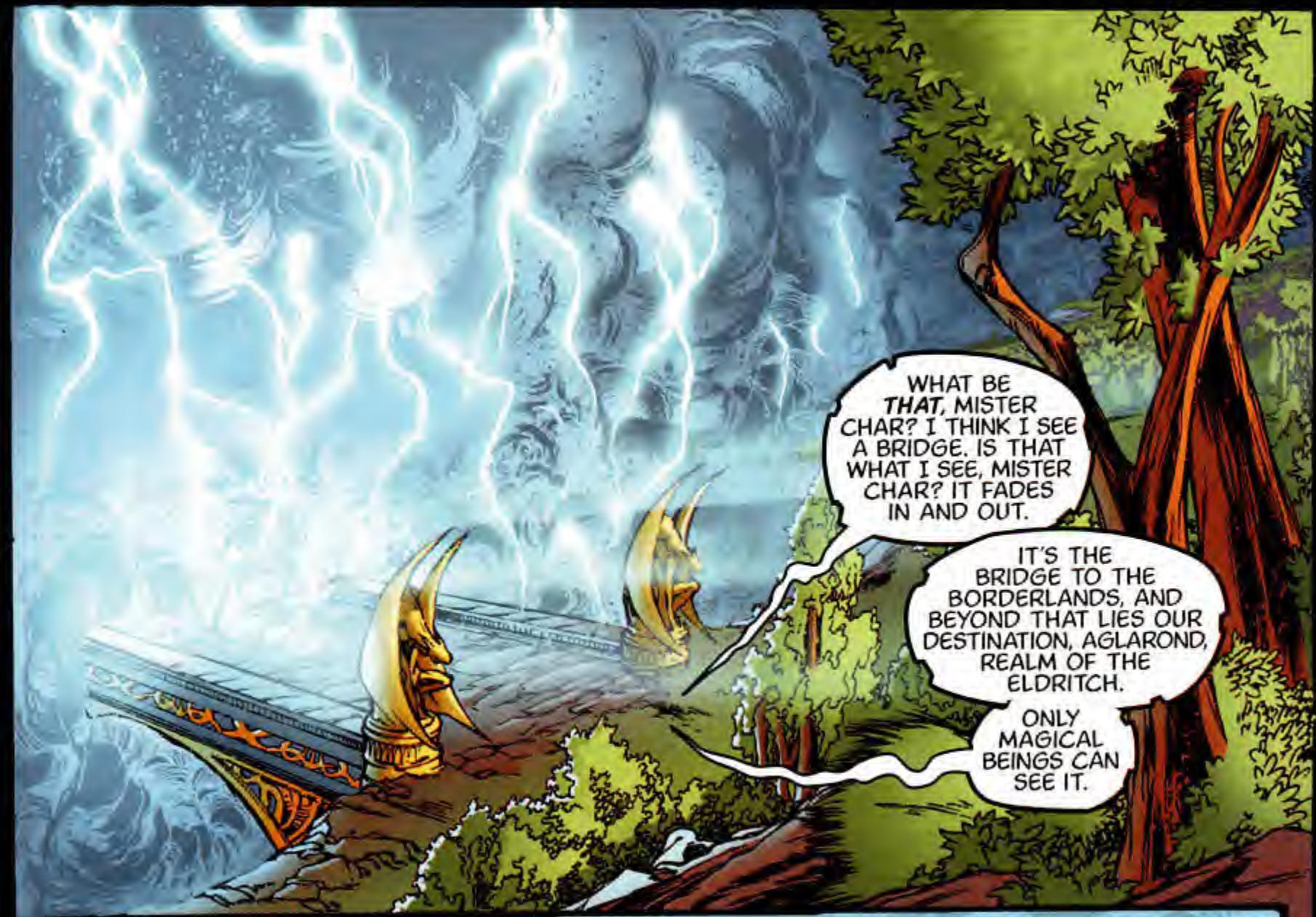


ME IS NOT COMFORTABLE, MISTER CHAR.

PIPE DOWN, LATTAR!

ME FATHER MASTER GING WON'T LIKE YOU TALK LIKE THAT, MISTER CHAR.

I'D RATHER BE SENTENCED TO A WOLF HOLE FOR ETERNITY THAN HEAR MORE. SPARE ME.





...A FESTIVAL IS  
IN PROGRESS!

FESTIVAL?

ELDRITCH  
HAVE THEM EVERY  
TWILIGHT, WHICH  
MEANS NIGHTLY.

OH AND THAT  
WINGED XIXIE  
YOU'RE SHOOING?  
WATCH IT. IT'S  
CARNIVOROUS.

ALL  
THESE MAGICAL  
CREATURES--

--AREN'T  
TO BE TRUSTED  
ONE BIT.

TAKE THE FAT  
WOLF GUARD ON THE  
HILL TO MY LEFT. THEY  
COMMAND PRISONS WHERE  
TIME PASSES FAST, SLOW,  
OR SIDEWAYS. REMEMBER  
NEVER TO BREAK  
LAWS HERE.

WHAT  
LAWS?

WHO  
KNOWS? THEY  
CHANGE ON  
A WHIM.

SEE THE  
TALL, SKINNY  
GUYS PLAYING THE  
HORNS? ASPARAS.  
THEY ARE BRED BY  
ELDRITCH TO MAKE  
MUSIC. HANDY  
WITH A BLADE  
TOO, I HEAR.

HOW  
ABOUT THE LITTLE  
CREATURES--

--BY THE  
ELDRITCH'S SIDE?  
NOBLICTS. SLAVES  
TO THE NOBLES.  
THEY RELEASE A  
NASTY GAS WHEN  
THREATENED.

AND THEN  
THERE'S THE ELDRITCH  
THEMSELVES. BEAUTIFUL,  
AREN'T THEY?

BEAUTIFUL?  
THEY'RE  
HIDEOUS!

I KNOW, BUT  
KEEP IT DOWN.  
THE GRASS HAS  
EARS HERE.

LORD TVARUS AND LADY OBSIDIA, MAY I ASK TO DANCE WITH YOUR LOVELY DAUGHTER, CAPRICE?

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FIVE CYCLES OF LUNAR ENCHANTMENTS, TARAN ELGE?

I WAS FIRST IN MY GUILD, SIRE.

YOU HAVE MY BLESSING, BUT ASK CAPRICE. SHE IS OF COURTING AGE AND KNOWN TO MAKE HER OWN DECISIONS.

...FATHER, WHY DO YOU TORTURE POOR TARAN WITH THESE ABSURD RITUALS?

OUR SUBJECTS DEMAND RITUALS. THE PEACE OF THE KINGDOM DEPENDS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER.

LET ME PASS. I AM CHAR OF THE YOUNG VILLAGE GREELUM.

BUT YOUR ODOR IS MOST FOUL. YOU STINK LIKE A HUMAN.

REMOVE YOURSELF.

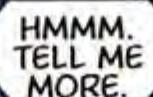
YOU SHOULD HEED MY GUARDS, GREELUM.

IT IS UNWISE TO DISTURB OUR FESTIVITIES.

I HAVE CAUSE, LORD GARA. I'VE BEEN SENT BY MASTER GING.



A NEW CREATURE HAS APPEARED IN THE YOUNG VILLAGE. SHE IS BOTH HUMAN AND ELDRITCH.



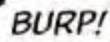
HMM. TELL ME MORE.



SHE'S POWERFUL, LIKE A HUMAN, I VENTURE TO SAY SHE HAS A SOUL.



I SAW HER HANDLE IRON WITH MY OWN EYES.



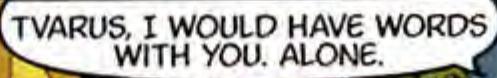
BURP!



FATHER? ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?



GO DANCE, DARLING.



TVARUS, I WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU ALONE.



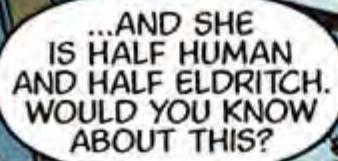
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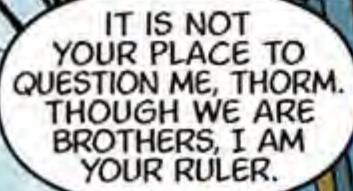
MOVE, YA HALF-WIT. WE HAVE WHAT WE CAME FOR, JEWELS, PRETTY, PRETTY JEWELS.



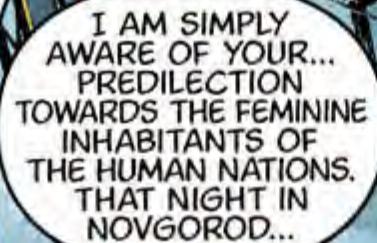
A THOUSAND THANKS, LORD GARA.



...AND SHE IS HALF HUMAN AND HALF ELDRITCH. WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?



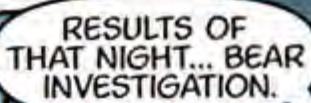
IT IS NOT YOUR PLACE TO QUESTION ME, THORM. THOUGH WE ARE BROTHERS, I AM YOUR RULER.



I AM SIMPLY AWARE OF YOUR... PREDILECTION TOWARDS THE FEMININE INHABITANTS OF THE HUMAN NATIONS. THAT NIGHT IN NOVGOROD...



WHAT OF IT?



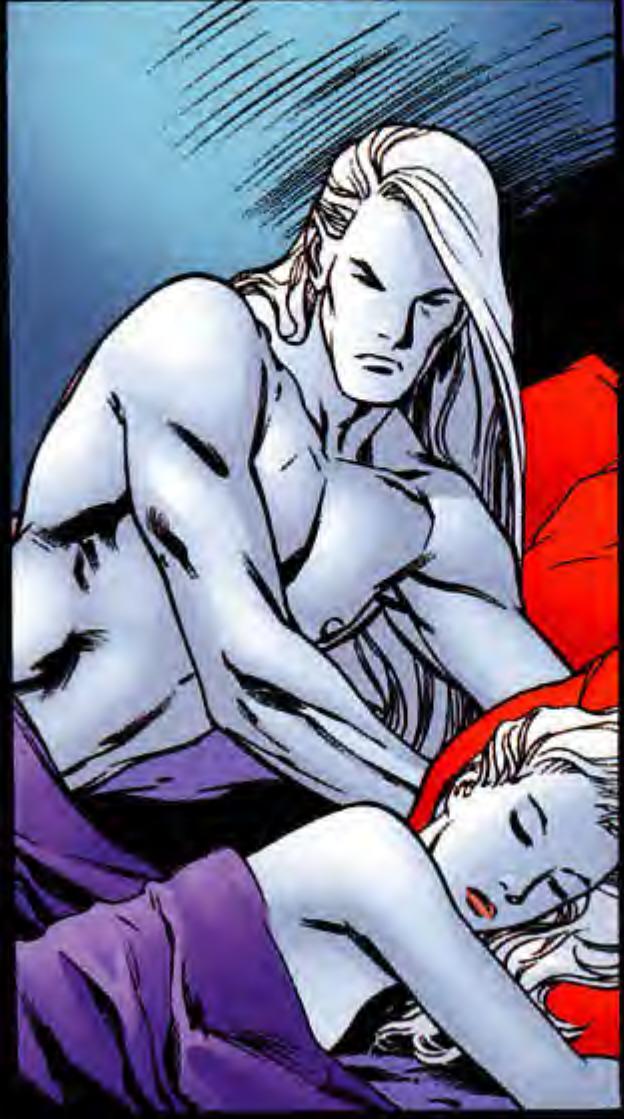
RESULTS OF THAT NIGHT... BEAR INVESTIGATION.

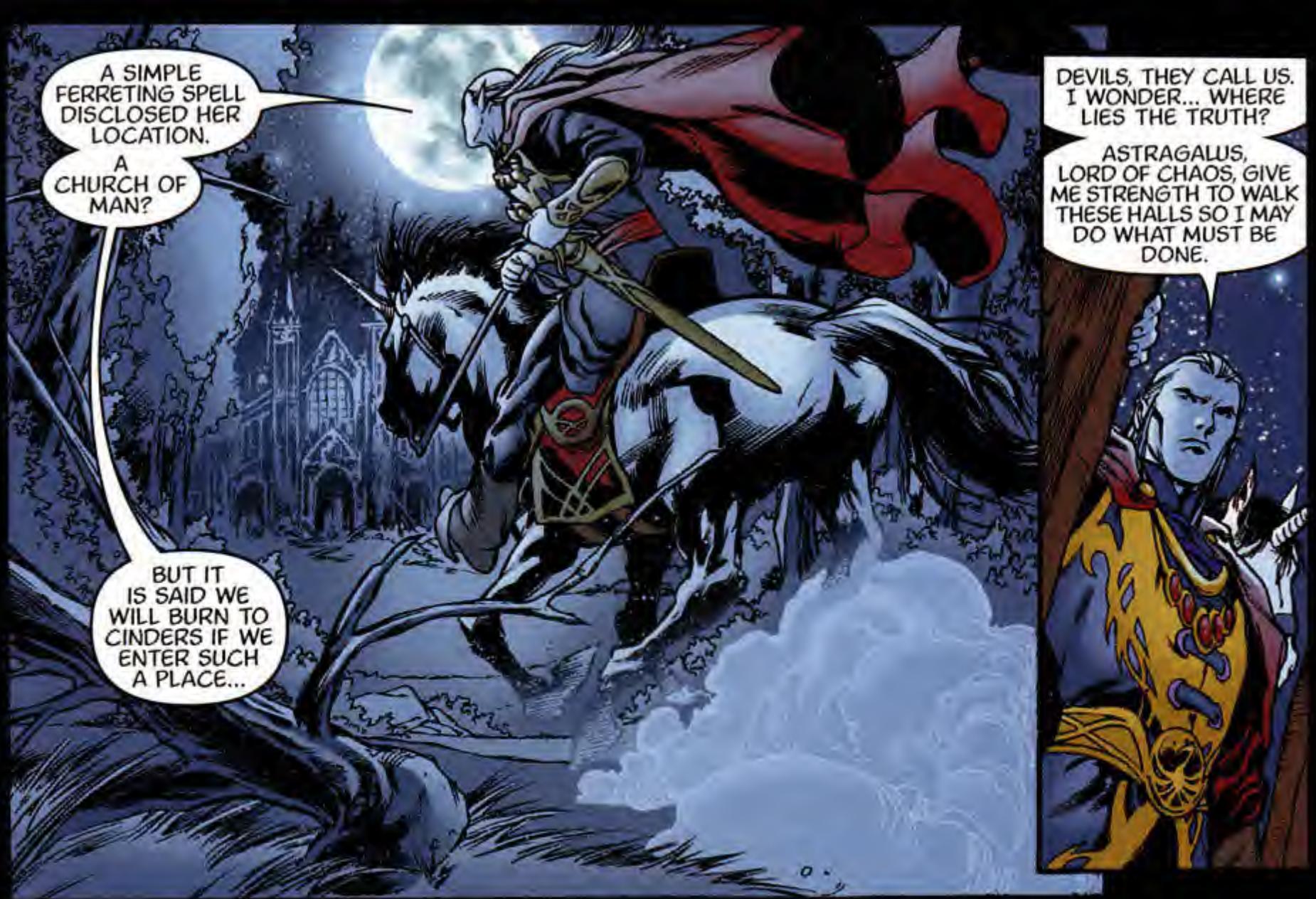






"--YOU'RE FORTUNATE  
YOU'RE AS ENTICING  
AS YOU ARE SLY."



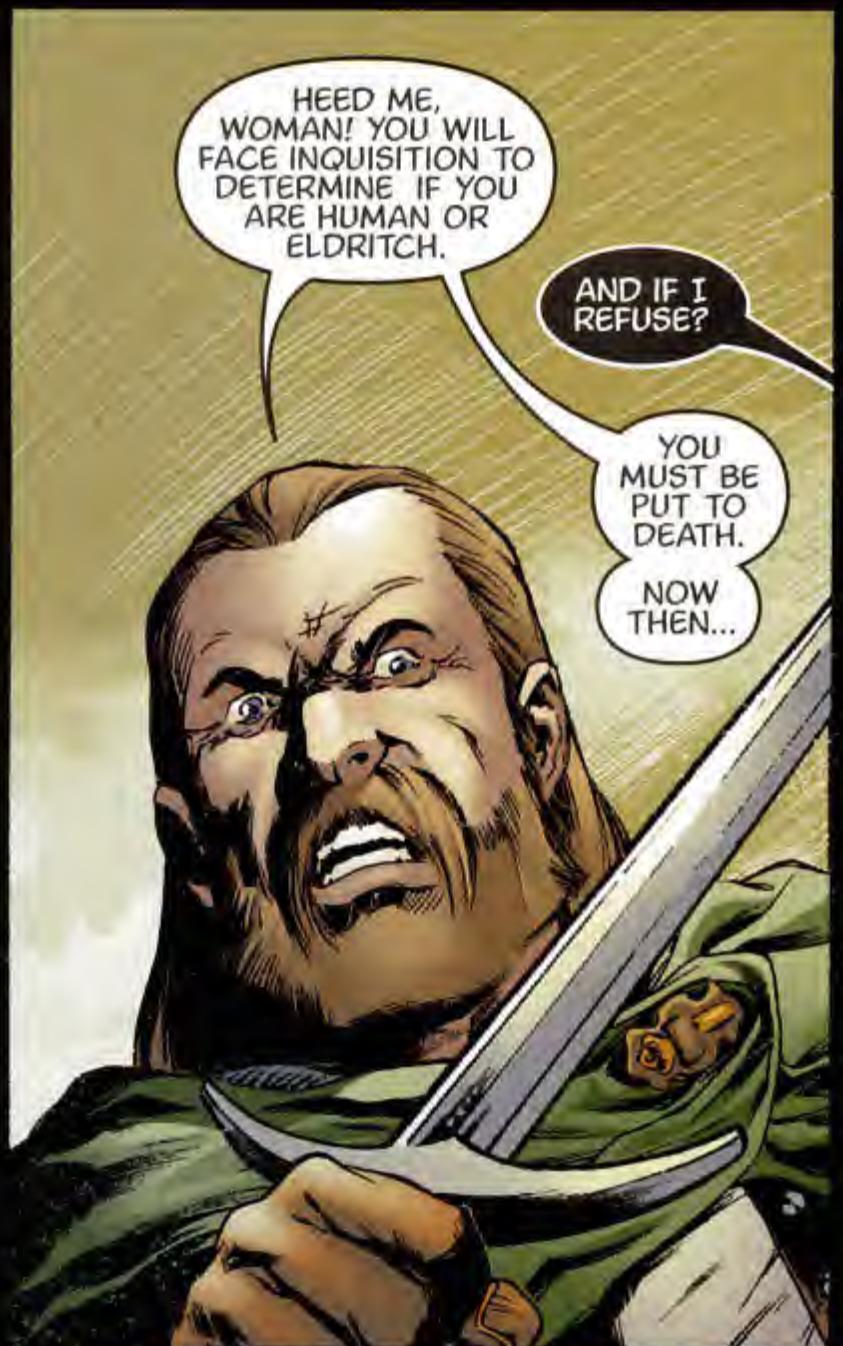
















I DO  
MORE THAN  
HOLD IT.



I PRAY  
TO IT.



I  
WORSHIP  
AS YOU  
WORSHIP.

DOES THAT  
ANSWER YOUR  
QUESTION?





MOVE  
AND YOU'RE  
DEAD.

NOW TELL  
ME, WHERE  
IS WOLFRAM  
VON BACH?

WHERE IS MY  
BROTHER?!

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